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by Lt. Col. Thomas Arnold  
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During each rotation at Eagle Base, the new commander of Task Force Eagle issues a new General Order #1 and new policy letters. GO #1 and policy letters apply to all soldiers and Department of the Army and/or Department of Defense civilians who are part of Stabilization Force 13.

Both GO #1 and the policy letters can be found on the Eagle Vision at: **https://eaglevision.tfeagle.army.mil**, and are also posted in the Multinational Brigade (North) public folder under CG Command Policy Letters.

GO #1 aims to maintain and strengthen the security, health and welfare of U.S. forces. All personnel should note the prohibitions contained in paragraph 4 of GO #1 and the alcohol policy set out in paragraphs 5 and 6. Operate from a mindset and belief that alcohol is prohibited. There exist exceptions in certain, very limited situations.

One of those exceptions is the situation for special off-duty occasions approved by the commanding general. Only



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two 12-ounce beers or two 8-ounce glasses of wine may be consumed during approved off-duty special occasion. Such an occurrence might be a special event or the observance of a national holiday or celebration.

Another exception category involves special on-duty circumstances. During special on-duty situations, only one 12-ounce beer, 8-ounce glass of wine or mixed drink containing 1.5 ounces of alcohol may be consumed.

Only a lieutenant colonel or

above may give permission to drink in one of these on-duty special situations.

The policy letters cover a variety of issues such as: the Commander's Open Door, Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Personal Appearance Standards, Personal Conduct, Living and Safety standards, and Loss of Sensitive Items. All soldiers going on pass to Hungary should be familiar with the policy on the Fighter Management Pass Program.

Any soldier violating GO #1 could be subject to administrative action, an Article 15 or UCMJ action. Violating a policy letter can result in an administrative action against a soldier. Administrative actions are extremely serious as they can result in counseling, a written admonition or reprimand, reduction in rank or separation.

GO #1 and the policy letters ensure high standards of good order, discipline and readiness, as well as maintain and improve U.S. relations with host nations and fellow soldiers.

The bottom line is that each soldier is responsible for knowing and being familiar with the contents of GO #1 and the policy letters.

## FMPP provides travel to approved locations only

The Fighter Management Pass Program is a non-chargeable absence from the soldiers' stressful mission environment. Personnel who are serving in Operation Joint Forge may be authorized one 96-hour pass during the tour. Passes may be taken in Hungary at approved locations. The pass may not be combined with regular leave. FMPP is not an entitlement.

The Area Support Group is responsible for implementing the FMPP. Current approved FMPP locations in Hungary are Taszar, Kaposvar, Lake Balaton and Budapest. FMPP locations may be extended as force protection rules dictate. Transportation to approved FMPP locations is at government expense. FMPP participants must pay for food,

lodging, and entertainment expenses while on pass.

FMPP to Taszar, Kaposvar, Lake Balaton and Budapest is limited to six days – two days of travel and a four day pass.

Travel originates at the ASG Fest Tent located on Eagle Base. FMPP busses depart Eagle Base at 8 a.m. and return at 5:30 p. m. six days later. The approved contracted hotels while on FMPP are the Mercure Korona Hotel for Budapest, Hotel Kapos for Kaposvar, and Hotel Europa for Lake Balaton. These hotels must be utilized because of force protection issues.

Personnel on pass under FMPP are considered available for accountability purposes and may be recalled by the MNB (North) commander due to operational requirements.

## Enter now — USO sponsors Father's Day photo and poetry contest

Submit your photos and/or poetry to the USO by midnight tonight.

The subject of your entries is: **Anyone can be a father; it takes someone special to be a daddy.**

There will be a first, second and third place prize. No more than four photos and two articles of poetry will be accepted.

**Contact the USO at 762-1836 for information.**

# Single dads keep communication lines alive

by Dunja Vujadinovic  
Media Specialist

Parenthood is not an easy job. It bears a full load of responsibilities and a lot of commitment, energy, effort and love. Being a single parent makes it twice as hard. Being a single parent while deployed overseas can make parenthood even more difficult – and a bit sad and less cheerful, too.

So here we are at Eagle Base, talking to single parents, in this case, single fathers, and while it's hard enough to be away from children on any other day, separation can be particularly painful for these men with Father's Day on the horizon.

For Sgt. Joseph Mulford, from the 35th Military Police Company, Topeka, Kan., this Father's day is going to be one more day when he will try to keep himself busy in order to avoid sitting in his room thinking about his two children – Heather, 15, and Kyle, 9.

"Father's Day in Bosnia is going to be one more day ... if I think about it being Father's Day, it's tough."

Capt. Charles Lunkwitz, father of 10-month-old Ann Marie, is having his first Father's Day away from his little baby. He's missing her first steps and "coos."

"This is my first year as a father and I don't get to be there for Father's Day," said Lunkwitz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment from Topeka, Kan.

One of the fathers will spend this Father's Day with his child. Maj. Michael Roberts from Lee's Summit, Mo., is spending his FMPP weekend in Budapest with



Photos by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

**Sgt. Maj. Jim Brown reads from his daughter's junior high school character sketch, with the theme, "I Wonder What Daddy's Doing Today?" In the paper Kelsey, 13, describes missing a daddy who is so far from home. With Brown are other single dads, Lunkwitz and Sgt. Christian Cordell.**

his 10-year-old son Bradley.

"I'm meeting my son in Budapest this weekend. My girlfriend and my sister are coming over also so they can be together while I'm with my son. I'm sure he'll want to go to the ZOO or amusement park. It will be his first trip to Europe and he will definitely remember this one. I will too," said a smiling Roberts.

Sgt. 1st Class Willbaldo Molinar, from Olathe, Kan., misses his 9-year-old daughter Victoria, every single day. He sends her a lot of presents, he said.

"I try to send her gifts, letters and I call whenever I can. I sent her twenty packages already. She has loads of all kinds of teddy bears," Molinar said, adding that he's promised to bring her to Disneyland when he gets back.

In addition to phone calls, many fathers have used video teleconferences to speak with – and see – their children. For Sgt. Maj. Jim Brown, from Salina KS, a father of three – Jami, 11, Kelsey, 13 and Michael, 22 – and grandfather of one, communicating via VTC can be a double-edged sword.

"It is great to see them but it is easier to say goodbye on the phone than over VTC because you see them crying. That is the toughest part for me," said Brown.

Mulford has found a different way to keep the lines of communication open.

"What helps a lot are 'I love you's' and 'I miss you's' that they send me through those 'talking picture frames'," Mulford said, who is quick to point out that he has – exactly – 97 days left to serve before he returns home to his children.



**Always close to his heart – Capt. Charles Lunkwitz holds the photo of his daughter that he wears around his neck. A friend of his presented him the locket, made in the shape of Army identification tags, as a present before he left for Bosnia.**



**"What helps a lot are 'I love you's'" sent through the mail, said Sgt. Joseph Mulford. From left, front: Lunkwitz, Brown, Mulford. From left, back: Sgt. 1st Class Wilbaldo Molinar, Cordell and Maj. Michael Roberts.**



# Air Base transition to be transparent, says Williams

by Sgt. 1st Class Ronald D. Covington  
343rd MPAD

Civilian contractors will be operating Tuzla Air Base under the supervision of the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group by the end of June.

"The Air Force is not leaving," said Air Force Col. Kent Williams, commander of the 401st EABG. "There will be 18 Brown and Root contractors, 16 ITT contractors and five Air Force personnel overseeing the operation."

The movement of Air Force personnel, who rotate through Eagle Base every 90 days, has become such a burden to the Air Force, that it has been determined to be more efficient and economical to have the operation contracted, said Air Force Lt. Col. Dennis Brown, the new airfield detachment commander.

Brown said that he has confidence that Brown and Root is capable and able to pick up these responsibilities, and relieve the Air Force of the cost for movement and constant training of incoming airmen.

He said the contractors will be trained and ready to go when they arrive to conduct their tasks.

"The transition shall be transparent," said Williams. "The only thing anyone



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

**"This has been a great assignment, and commanding great people is always a bonus," said Air Force Col. Kent Williams, right, with the new airfield commander, Air Force Lt. Col. Dennis Brown.**

will notice is the people will be wearing jeans and a shirt instead of a military uniform to work."

The Air Force appointed Airfield Operations Flight Commander Capt. James Hilburn officer-in-charge of the Tuzla Air Base personnel.

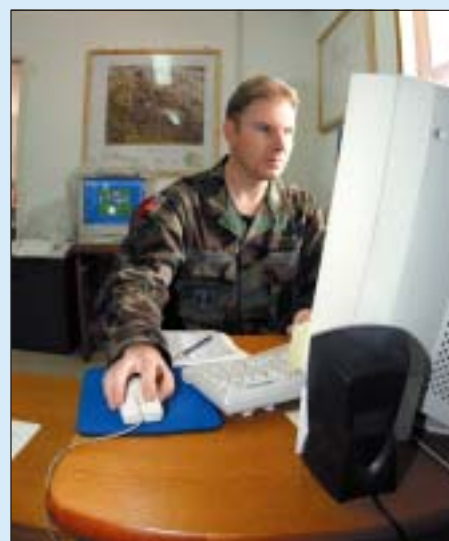
"We will be maintaining the same quality of work as we have in the past," said Hilburn. "The anticipating and planning has helped to insure the smooth transition."

He said the most noticeable change would be that the pilots would be speak-



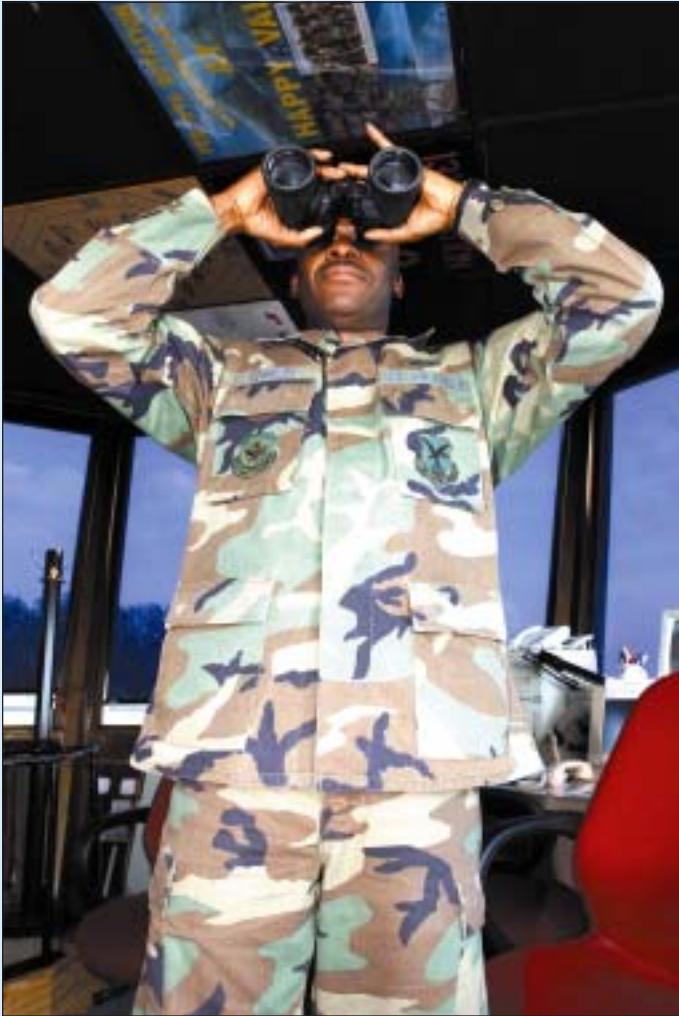
by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

**Senior Airman Heather Quincy and Master Sgt. Gary Stanley, air traffic control, perform the important role of ensuring safe landing and departure of aircraft on Eagle Base.**



by Spc. Guy D. Choate

**Tech. Sgt. Mark Enyart, along with Master Sgt. Angela Beard (not shown), operates base operations, overseeing the safety and upkeep of the airfield runway.**



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy



by Spc. Guy D. Choate

(Above) "The only thing anyone will notice is the people will be wearing jeans and a shirt instead of a military uniform to work," said Air Force Col. Kent Williams about contractors on Eagle Base. Here, Security Specialists Glenn Tate and James Scott, M-16A2 rifles in hand, patrol the airfield. Security specialists ensure the safety for any aircraft arriving on or leaving the base, and scan the airfield constantly for any unwanted or suspicious activity.

(Left) Master Sgt. Gary Stanley, tower control, scans the airfield. Because the tower has non-radar capability, communication between tower and pilots is essential. The tower controllers know the location of every approaching aircraft, thereby directing aircraft to a safe landing.

ing to civilians instead of military air traffic controllers.

The air traffic control, airfield management, and weather will be turned over to the Brown and Root contractors by the end of the month. ITT personnel have already replaced the security police.

The Air Force activated the 401st EABG in June of 1997 at Tuzla Air Base in support of Task Force Eagle's NATO peacekeeping mission for the Multinational Division (North) and NATO Stabilization Force.

The 401st earned three Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards during this operation. They participated in Operation Joint Guard, Operation Allied Force, Operation Sustain Hope/ Shinning Hope, and Noble Anvil.

"Working with the Army has been great, said Williams. "This has been an excellent assignment, and commanding great people is always a bonus."



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

**Tech. Sgt. Justin Lincks, weather forecast operations, monitors the weather situation for the Air Force and Army on Eagle Base. Lincks follows a satellite's display of cloud formations on a monitor, the observations of which are used to determine flying conditions and may be used by Army patrols during planning of field activities.**



# Snapshots

## Photos capture MNB (North) flags

*“This flag, symbol of the hopes of man, this cloth of dreams for freedom, justice and opportunity, its stars like beacons guiding us through shoals of adversity, its stripes like wounds of struggle. The good in it cannot be had for nothing, though, like any garden, it must be tended, like any loved one it must be held. Hold high this flag and keep its promise bright, for in it lies the best of hope for all of us.”*

– Mort Walker



The U.S. flag aligns Sapper Point.

by Slavik Army Maj. Igor Sperka



by Spc. Guy D. Choate

The Stars and Stripes overlooks the Air Force Multi-Purpose Facility while member of the 35th Military Police Company play a basketball game against the Tuzla Canton Police Support Unit (SWAT) May 24. Throughout the days, members of the European Union Police Mission, Tuzla Canton Police Support Unit, Kalesija Police Department, and the 35th MPs competed in basketball, soccer and volleyball games.



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

HHC, 35th Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers show their colors. From left: Capt. Willy Pegues IV, 1st Sgt. Ron Crump, Sgt. Damian Austin, 1st Lt. Jeremy Magruder, Staff Sgt. Deborah Kerns and Cpl. Leroy Gumphre.



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

U.S. flags drape Peacekeepers Hall during Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz's recent visit.

# FINNISH donation fills health center's needs

Story and photo by Spc. Guy D. Choate  
343rd MPAD

The Finnish Military Contingent donated medical supplies to the Srebrenica Municipal Health Center in Srebrenica on Friday.

The donations included bandages, gloves, and gauze. The Finns also donated two computers, which were no longer useful to them, but would be useful to a health center that is insufficiently funded and supplied.

"Basically, the place has nothing," said Finnish Civil/Military Cooperation officer, 1st Lt. Roope Lehto.

"We could throw (the equipment) away, or we could help the locals," he

said.

Six doctors are currently working at the health center and all are very appreciative of the donated items.

"Finnish CIMIC has done a lot to help us, and we thank them," said Dr. Svetozar Marinkovic, the health center's director.

The Finnish CIMIC has a four-person team that covers the areas of Srebrenica, Bratunac, and Han Pijesak. The CIMIC team suggested donating the supplies to the center because of its obvious need.

Members of the U.S. 416th Civil Affairs Battalion provided the transportation to assist with the medical supplies delivery



**"We could throw (the equipment away), or we could help," said 1st Lt. Roope Lehto, his hands full of donated supplies.**

## USAREUR top NCOs visits MNB (North) 'outpost of freedom'

Story and photo by  
Sgt. 1st Class Ronald D. Covington  
343rd MPAD

The United States Army Europe top enlisted soldiers visited Eagle Base and Camp Connor last week to become familiar with the country, mission and the soldiers operating within Multinational Brigade (North).

Command Sgt. Majs. Michael L. Gravens, of United States Army Europe and Seventh Army command, and James F. Rosacker of V Corps Rear (Provisional), viewed the June 3-4 trip a success.

"We could not have had a better visit," said Gravens.

Gravens is a career soldier with over thirty years of experience, and Rosacker is an Army reservist activated from his civilian occupation with the St Paul Insurance Company in Minnesota. This visit was a return to the Balkans for Rosacker.

"It is always great to see citizen soldiers at an outpost of freedom to let them know we care," he said.

The sergeant majors shared their wealth of experience at a luncheon held at the Balkan Grille on Eagle Base. During the luncheon Gravens addressed an issue close to his heart – the inestimable worth of the Army's NCO Corps.

"There has never been a good army without a good NCO corps," he said.

Whether National Guardsman, active component or reservist, each is crucial to the success of the Armed Forces, Gravens and Rosacker said, and the demands of the world mission. Each soldier brings a special talent to the team, and everyone is needed to make that team work.

Rosacker brought the talents of his own



**"I was truly impressed with the ... soldiers whom I met," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gravens, shown talking with Task Force South soldiers at Camp Connor during his recent visit. From left: Gravens, Spc. Brett Howard, Spc. David Spivey, Sgt. Elby Cox, Staff Sgt. David Owens.**

civilian experience to the development of the NCO Corps. He spoke of the importance of continued educational development. He explained that employers recognize the skills the NCO development system cultivates, in building both strong leaders for the Army, but also for the civilian marketplace.

"I work with the human resources department," Rosacker said. "One of the things they seek, when filling jobs, is continued self development. They seek people who continue their education, and do not become complacent with their achievements."

The graduates of SFOR 13's recent Battle Staff NCO course were invited to

have breakfast with the senior leaders. Gravens and Rosacker provided the graduates with guidance and gratitude for a job well done.

After the breakfast, they traveled to Camp Connor, where they traveled through several area towns with Task Force South patrols.

Before departing, Gravens and Rosacker expressed their admiration for the men and women whom they spoke with and felt fortunate to see in action during daily operations.

"I was truly impressed with the professionalism, competence, and selfless service of the NCOs and soldiers whom I met," said Gravens.



# 'Jaws of Life' exercise on Eagle Base

by Spc. Felicia Whatley and  
Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson  
343rd MPAD

The call came in to the Tactical Operations Center reporting an automobile accident between two vehicles. The victims could not be removed from the car. The TOC went "hot", and a call was made to the Eagle Base firefighters. The firefighters were air lifted to the accident scene. The victims? A couple of dummies.

The recent mock automobile extraction was a joint exercise between Members of the 86th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) and Brown and Root Services firefighters from Eagle Base. The 86th is a National Guard unit consisting of soldiers from the Vermont and Massachusetts Army National Guard.

The exercise consisted of firefighters loading onto an 86th 'Dustoff' UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and flying to the 'accident site' at the west end of the Eagle Base airstrip.

The firefighters used the Jaws of Life to open the vehicles, then members of both crews worked together to remove the victims and treat the injuries.

"We worked as a combined team with the firefighters to extricate two individuals in a two-car accident using Jaws of Life. We extricated them and treated the injuries continuously up to the hospital," said Staff Sgt. Robert Slater. Slater, from Essex Junction, Vt., is a medic with the 86th.

It was the first exercise of this type for Stabilization Force 13. According to Assistant Fire Chief Ken Newman, they try to perform the exercise at the beginning of each rotation so the crews get to know each other. "It went extremely well," said Newman.

Newman stressed the exercise's practicalness. During SFOR 12, approximately an hour after the crews had finished their simulated accident, a call came in that a U.S. soldier had been in an accident coming back from Sarajevo. The air ambulance medics and firefighters were able to get to the accident scene and remove the soldier from her vehicle and fly her back for care.

"This (exercise) is as realistic as it gets," said Slater. "We have done prior training like this and the preparation is important."



by Spc. Guy D. Choate

**Members of the 86th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) and Brown and Root Services load exercise accident 'victims' into a 'Dustoff' UH-60 Blackhawk.**



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

**(Left) Staff Sgt. Rob Slater gives direction to one of the Brown and Root Services firefighters during the exercise.**



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

**Sgt. Dana Lavallee, from New Haven, Vt., administers an IV to one of the 'victims'.**



**About the cover:** Brown and Root Services firefighters Ryan Tworek, Jason Porter and Jay Alfonso use the Jaws of Life to open a vehicle. by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson.

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*– Staff Sgt. Rob Slater*